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### Next Weekends Mass Times and Ministers - Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th February 2019

#### **Ministers of the Word:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Marie Doyle  
11am (Sun) Elaine Byrne / Mary Vernon

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Mary Ross

#### **Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**Baltinglass:** 6pm (Sat) Michael Lennon / Noel Kennedy / Pat Fleming  
11am (Sun) Mona Nolan / Maureen Plant / Kieran Cogan

**Grangecon:** 9.30am (Sun) Katie O'Hara



#### **This weekend - Baltinglass 6pm**

##### **Months Mind Mass**

Tom Smyth, Ballyraggan

##### **Anniversaries**

Mary Swayne, Hughestown & her Son John

Bridie Dwyer, Gibraltar

Philip Kavanagh, Broadstown

Bridget & John Salmon, Lowtown

Matt & Phyllis Farrell, Tankardstown & deceased

members of the Farrell & Ryan Families

Margaret Byrne, Main Street

John Kehoe, Clough

Anthony Kearney, Tuckmill

##### **Stratford: 9.30am**

Joe Burke, Stratford

Noel Brady, Manger

Michael Brady, Castleruddery Lower



We pray for  
**Fr. John Cummins P.P.** Abbeyleix  
**Michael Sinnott**, Shroughaun  
**Patrick McDermott**, Chapel Hill  
who have died recently.  
*May they rest in peace.*



#### **Pro Life Carlow**

Talk with Vicky Wall of Every Life Counts in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow Thurs. Feb. 7th 7:30pm located in the Milford room suite. Organised by Family & Life. Vicky lost a child shortly after birth with life limiting conditions & joined Every Life Counts to offer help & support to children & couples who are expecting a child with short term life diagnosis. All welcome.

#### **Pre-Marriage Courses 2019**

**Accord Carlow** - Feb 8th & 9th, March 8th & 9th,  
April 5th & 6th. Bookings can be made online  
at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) Phone 059 91 38 738.

#### **Weekend Mass Times**

Baltinglass: Saturday 6pm  
& Sunday 11am.

#### **Weekly Confessions**

after 6pm Mass on Saturdays  
**Stratford & Grangecon**  
Grangecon next Sunday 9.30am.

#### **Weekday Mass Times**

Daily 10am in St. Paul's Oratory,  
The Parish Centre on Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
**Liturgy of the Word**  
**& Holy Communion**  
Monday 10am St. Paul's Oratory.

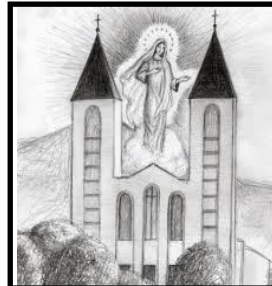
#### **The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis**

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ will give a talk on his book "The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis - A synodial Catholic Church in Ireland?" Tues. 19th Feb. 7.45pm in Leighlinbridge Parish Centre. Bishop Denis will be in attendance for what will be an interesting opportunity to gain an insight into a vital change for the Church. All are welcome.

#### **Dublin Medjugorje Pilgrimage Group**

for the Youth Festival on Aug.  
Bank Holiday Weekend. One of the  
biggest events of the year in Medjugorje.  
ex Dublin costs €725 pps for 7 nights.  
Payment can also be made in instalments.  
Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or  
contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 24 10 800.

**Newsletter now available on [www.baltinglassparish.ie](http://www.baltinglassparish.ie)  
Diocesan web site: [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)**



#### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Thursday 29th Aug - 5th Sept. Cost €725

Dublin to Medjugorje return. Half Board at Hotel Wojtyla  
Contact Parish, Fr. Ger or Andy Murphy for details.

Guides who work in Medjugorje will visit us on Saturday  
2nd February and speak at 6pm Mass that evening. They will share  
their experience of growing up in Medjugorje since the beginning of  
the apparitions of Our Lady in 1981.

#### **Collectors in February in Baltinglass**

##### **Saturdays @ 6pm Mass**

**Main Aisle:** Billy Norton / Jim Kearney

**Convent Aisle:** David Leigh

**Lalor Aisle:** Kathleen Hanlon

##### **Sunday @ 11am Mass**

**Main Aisle:** Willie Cullen / Alf Gillespie

**Convent Aisle:** John Burke

**Lalor Aisle:** Simon Murphy

#### **World Day of Prayer 2019**

Every year, worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme. World Day of Prayer is celebrated on March 01, 2019. The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged to take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

#### **Michael English & his Band in Concert**

in aid of

St. Joseph's & St. Mary's Parishes

Thursday 28th Feb. @ 8pm.

Doors open at 7pm. Tickets €25.

On sale from Moore's, Grangecon, Patterson's  
Butchers, O'Reilly Stores, Baltinglass; The Parish  
Office; Fiona 087 68 64 596; Mick 087 28 75 011;  
Avril 087 41 19 214; & Ashling 085 76 79 973.

#### **Baltinglass & District Active Retirement**

**Annual Fees** now due.

**Summer Holiday break** is in Dunblane, Scotland  
Sun. 2nd June - 4 nights. Interested members, phone  
Mary on 087 29 99 571.

**Bridge and Rummy** Wednesdays 10.30am - 12pm  
in The Parish Centre. Beginners welcome.

**Bowling** Tuesdays 3pm - 5pm in Fatima Hall.  
Beginners welcome. In February members are  
invited to drop in, free of charge, to see the Bowling  
Team in action.

**February Coffee Mornings** Community Tea  
Rooms - Fridays 11am.

**Outing** - The Mill Theatre, Dundrum Sat. 16th Feb.  
to see 'Don't Dress for Dinner'. Bus departs  
Weaver's Sq. 10.30am. Phone Mary 087 29 99 571.

#### **The Three Tenors in Concert**

Borris Church, Co Carlow. Ireland's Greatest Voices,  
an evening of popular classic hits. Sat. 16th Feb 8pm,  
Tickets €25. Available from The Parish Centre,  
Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop  
Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's  
Supervalu Graiguenamanagh. This is a Fundraiser for  
Borris Church.

### Baltinglass GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
01, 08, 10, 21.

**Jackpot Winner - No Winner.**

This Week's Jackpot - €11,300.

**Match 3 winners** - €150 each.

Bill / Grace Colfer; Niamh Kearney.

**Next draw** on Mon. 4th Feb. in Germaines,  
Main Street @10pm. Tickets €2. Play online -  
www.localotto.ie

### Stratford/Grange Con GAA Club

#### Lotto Results

Last Week's Winning Numbers  
17, 25, 28, 30.

**Jackpot Winner** - No Winner.

This week's Jackpot - €19,750.

**Match 3 Winners - €65 each.**

Kellyann & Abbie; Eamon Dunne;  
Paddy McKitterick; Evelyn Ryan.

**Sellers Prize:** €30 - Diarmuid Cronin.

Next draw in Stratford-Grange Con Club House,  
Mon. 4th Feb. @ 8.45pm. Tickets €2. Play online  
at www.stratfordgrangecongaa.ie

*Thanks for your constant support!*

#### Dinner Dance Sat. 9th February

in Germaines, Baltinglass and promises to be a  
great night. Tickets on sale from Ellen O'Neill.

### Baltinglass Credit Union

Was one of your New Year's Resolutions to  
start saving more? Why not open a Credit  
Union account and do just that! There are mul-  
tiple ways of lodging money to your account -  
over the phone using your Visa Debit Card, by  
visiting any of our 6 offices or by bank transfer  
via your online bank account. New Members  
can now open an account on our website by  
visiting www.baltinglasscu.ie

### NEWSLETTER

Articles for the newsletter **must be  
received before 12 noon Thursday.**

Articles can be emailed or left into the  
Parish Office. They must include your name &  
contact details.

**Parish Office Opening Hours**

**Wed. & Fri.** - 9.30am - 1pm.

**Tues. & Thurs.** 9.30am - 1pm  
& 1.30pm. - 2.30pm

**Parish Office Closed Mon. Feb. 4th.**

### Bigstone N.S. Open Evening

Thurs. 7th Feb. 6.30-7.30pm. Prospective parents  
are invited to come along to see our school &  
meet our teachers. If you wish to enrol your child  
& cannot attend, contact the school -  
059 91 61 171 or Email bigstonens1@gmail.com

### Split the Pot Results

**1st Prize:** €100 - Catherine Curry

**2nd Prize:** €50 - Len O'Connell

**3rd Prize:** €25 - Margaret Milliken

**4th Prize:** €25 - Brigid Murphy

*Thanks for your support!*

### Small Ring Found

in St. Joseph's Church. Please contact  
the Parish Office.

### Rathdangan Drama Group

will take to the Stage with their production of  
"Try anything Twice "by William Roche. It will  
hit the stage on Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd, Sun 24th of  
February and Fri 1st, Sat 2nd, Sun 3rd March.  
Tickets €10 adult, €5 child U12. Available now  
through the Village Pantry or Seamus on  
086 34 43 805 / Filie 085 10 09 244.

### Women's Strength & Conditioning Classes

starting soon in O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan, Wed.  
mornings at 10am. Suitable for beginners or more  
advanced. Great for strengthening all the muscles  
and joints that sometimes get neglected. Play area  
also present if you have a toddler you would like  
to bring along. Classes will be €49 for 6 weeks.  
Progressing onto more intense classes, great way  
to ease yourself back into exercise. For more info  
or to book a place phone Sarah 087 06 27 563.

**Next Ramblers Seisun** in O' Toole Memorial  
Hall February 15th. A great night of song music  
stories and laughter.

### Danny's Corner

We at the Lalor Centre are looking forward to the  
Trad. Session resuming Thursday 7th February at  
2pm. If you would like to join us, please feel  
free. Everyone is welcome. Looking forward to  
seeing you.

*Every Second brings a fresh beginning.*

*Every hour holds a new promise.*

*Every night our dreams can bring hope.*

*Every day is what you choose to make it.*

*Baltinglass, Bigstone,  
Stratford & Grangecon*

4th Sunday in ordinary time.

3rd February 2019

I wish.....

I wish I were big enough to honestly admit my shortcomings.

I wish I was tall enough to tower above all negativity.

I wish I was strong enough to treasure love.

I wish I could believe that I am making a difference.

I wish I was brave enough to welcome constructive criticism.

I wish I was compassionate enough to understand people's  
limitations & frailties.

I wish I was wise enough to know how precious my blessings  
are.

I wish I was humble enough to admit that I've made a mistake.

I wish I was human enough to forgive someone who has hurt  
me.

I wish I was enthusiastic enough to get the really important  
things done each day.

I wish I could pray for and reach out to those who need some  
help today.

Many of these are not just wishful thinking and many of them  
are within our reach.

**Many women in the parish have been making St. Brigid's  
Crosses for the past few weeks. These are on sale this  
weekend at the Church doors for €2. All proceeds will go the  
Peter McVery Homeless Trust.**

**The practice of placing a Brigid's Cross in the home  
has been traditionally Understood as a protection  
against fire, sickness and danger.**

